

[20th August 1925]

The hon. Mr. N. E. MARJORIBANKS :—" I do not quite follow the hon. Member. The proceedings were not taken under the Land Acquisition Act."

Mr. C. V. VENKATARAMANA AYYANGAR :—" Here is a natham which has been occupied by the Adi-Dravidas. The villagers think that the natham is very useful to them and they are prepared to pay the price for it on condition that it remains as a village poramboke. Is it not then possible for the Collector to secure the land in question from the Adi-Dravidas by the application of the Land Acquisition Act?"

The hon. Mr. N. E. MARJORIBANKS :—" I do not exactly know why proceedings were not taken under the Act, but it seems to me that the arrangement actually arrived at was a perfectly reasonable one."

Mode of collecting land revenue from the villages of the Bhavani taluk.

* 194 Q.—Mr. C. V. VENKATARAMANA AYYANGAR: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that the villages of Kaveripuram, Thinnappatti and Alamarathupatti in the Bhavani taluk of the Coimbatore district contribute a sum of about Rs. 15,000 a year towards land revenue;

(b) whether it is a fact that those villagers are over 30 miles from the taluk headquarters and that there are several bad characters and members of criminal tribes in those villages;

(c) whether it is a fact that the village munsifs of Kaveripuram and Thinnappatti are sometimes remitting their remittances to the taluk sub-treasury by postal money order, paying the commissions out of their pocket with a view to reduce the chances of the Government money being stolen and if so, on how many occasions they have so sent their collections within the last five years;

(d) whether it is a fact that the village munsif of Kaveripuram has sent a petition to the Collector to remit the collections at Government cost and whether any action has been taken on that petition;

(e) whether the Government have issued any orders empowering village munsifs to send Government moneys by money order at Government cost and if so, on what conditions; and

(f) if no such orders have been passed till now, whether the Government propose to pass orders giving powers to the Collectors to authorize village munsifs of villages which are at more than a particular distance from the place of sub-treasuries to send their collections by postal money orders at Government cost?

A.—(a) to (d) A report has been called for from the Board of Revenue.

(e) No such orders are traceable.

(f) The matter will be considered on receipt of the report called for.

Mr. C. V. VENKATARAMANA AYYANGAR :—" In view of the very great importance of the matter to all the village munsifs, will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to consider the matter once more when the report referred to in answer to clause (f) is received from the Board of Revenue and place the orders of Government thereon on the table of the House?"

The hon. Mr. N. E. MARJORIBANKS :—" Certainly, Sir."